

## CHAPTER 180

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**EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY**


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**SENATE BILL 20-095**

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**AN ACT****CONCERNING PROVIDING INFORMATION CONCERNING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT TO PARENTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-60-202.7, **amend** (1); and **add** (4) as follows:

**23-60-202.7. Powers of board with respect to concurrent enrollment - definitions.** (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES" MEANS A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 22 THAT OPERATES A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

(b) "CHARTER SCHOOL" MEANS A DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22 AND AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE BOARD PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF TITLE 22.

(c) "Concurrent enrollment" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-35-103.

(d) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A CHARTER

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

SCHOOL, A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES, AND THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND.

(e) "SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 30 OF TITLE 22.

(f) "SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND" MEANS THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-80-102.

(4) (a) BEGINNING IN THE 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES SIX THROUGH EIGHT. THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL DESIGN THE MATERIALS TO EXPLAIN THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT DURING GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE AND, FOR ALL TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-35-103, THE TYPES OF COURSES AVAILABLE THROUGH CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AND THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS FOR ENROLLING IN CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT COURSES. AT A MINIMUM, THE MATERIALS MUST REFER TO THE WEBSITE DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-35-113, AND THE MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MUST INCLUDE THE NAME OF AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE PERSON WHO OVERSEES CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN THAT LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER. A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER MAY PROVIDE DIRECTORY INFORMATION, AS DEFINED IN AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO USE ONLY IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4).

(b) THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS, SHALL BEGIN DISSEMINATING THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION MATERIALS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS SECTION BEGINNING IN THE FALL OF THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR. AT A MINIMUM, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE MATERIALS TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES SIX THROUGH EIGHT THROUGH DIGITAL MEANS AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR AND ONCE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM MAY ALSO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MATERIALS THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, PAID PLACEMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, OR OTHER MASS COMMUNICATION MEANS, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS.

(c) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION (4) TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM MAY BEGIN DEVELOPING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (4)(a) AND (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION DURING THE 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR IF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM DEEMS IT FEASIBLE TO DO SO WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-35-104, **add** (1)(b.5) as follows:

**22-35-104. Enrollment in an institution of higher education - cooperative agreement.** (1) (b.5) IN ADDITION TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION, BEGINNING IN THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR,

EACH LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM IN PROVIDING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 23-60-202.7(4) TO THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES SIX THROUGH EIGHT.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

Approved: June 29, 2020